

# The Caledonian Mercury.

Edinburgh, Thursday, June 20, 1728.

From the Evening Post, June 13.

Paris, June 19.

**T**HE Queen continues to enjoy a perfect State of Health, as also *Mes Dames de France*.

They write from Havre de Grace, That Mr. Loyal of Rouen invented lately a Pump, which throws up Water 200 Foot high, as appeared by a Trial made in the Basin of the Port of that City, in the Presence of several Witnesses.

A Woman of 70 Years of Age, lately married to a Gentleman who is but 30, has lodged her Petition, requesting to be divorced from him on account of Impotency.

London, June 13. We have Advice from the City of Lincoln, That on Wednesday last came on the Election of a Member of Parliament for that City, in room of Sir John Manson, Bart. whom his Majesty was graciously pleased to call to the House of Lords the 24th inst: On the 25th the Hon. Charles Monson, Esq; one of his Lordship's Brothers, set out Post from London, and arriv'd at Lincoln the 27th; next Day he offered himself to the Citizens for their Representative; and on the 29th the Writ for the Election was proclaim'd for that Day sennight. These sudden Proceedings so alarmed the Citizens, who considered there was not Time given to any other Gentleman to offer himself to serve that City, that they voluntarily resolved to invite their late Good Member Sir John Tyrwhitt of Stamford, Bart. And accordingly on Tuesday before the Election, a great Number of the Citizens, accompanied with the Mayor, several of the Aldermen, and Common Council, to the Number of 220, or upwards (there being Residents in the City not above 380 Freeman) mounted on Horseback, went to Stamford to desire that worthy Gentleman to be their Representative, without the least Application from him, who considering the little Notice he had, entertained them sumptuously, and the next Morning was prevail-

ed on to come with them to Lincoln, where they were met coming into Town by about 50 more of the Citizens, and a considerable Number of the other Inhabitants, with the greatest Acclamations of Joy. The Poll immediately began, and Sir John Tyrwhitt having 258 Voices, and Mr. Monson only 221, the former was declared to be duly elected, having then several other Persons to vote; and what is most particularly to be regarded, that even in these Times, not any one Voter for Sir John Tyrwhitt directly or indirectly received one Shilling, or the Value thereof, either from Sir John Tyrwhitt, or any of his Friends, and for which the poorer Sort of them cannot be too much commended for their Integrity, notwithstanding the great and powerful *Solicitations* from the other Side; and therefore 'tis hoped that this ancient City may be a Precedent to all other Cities and Corporations, that they in like Manner, of their own free Choice, may send up Members equally well qualified, as this their Member is well known to be, for his Loyalty and Affection to the present happy Establishment, his steady Adherence to the Church of England, and his just Regard for his Country's Welfare.

From the St. James's Evening-Post, June 13.

Paris, June 19. They opened the Congress the 14th, but 'tis thought no Affairs of great Moment will be treated there yet a while.

London, June 13: On Tuesday last a new Packet-boat for the London Station was launched at Deptford, nam'd *The King George*, of which Capt. Lane is appointed Commander.

From the Flying Post, June 13.

Constantinople, April 16. This Capital is a new visited with the Plague, which makes great Havock among the Inhabitants. The Printing-house, formerly mentioned to be set up here by Order of the Grand Visier, improves daily. Our last Letters from Persia confirm the Death of the dethron'd Sophi. They add, that Esref's Party is considerably diminished.

diminished, and that on the contrary, that of the young Sophi Thamas gathers Strength daily.

*Genoa, May 29.* Two Ships arrived here in 14 Days from Tabarea give an Account, That every Thing was in Confusion at Tunis; That the Day had taken the Field in order to attack his Nephew, who rebelled against him, and who in all Likelihood must submit, or fly for want of Money, Ammunition and Provisions; besides that, his Friends have been seized and sent to Suza.

*Venice, June 5.* By Letters from Constantinople, the Ambassador the young Sophi had sent to Moscow for renewing the Alliance, was actually arrived at Astracan.

*London, June 13.* On Monday last one James Pritchard, (a poor Man who sold Fish about Streets) having had a great Quarrel with his Wife, told her he would obtain a Divorce before she was much older; the Woman not regarding his Menaces, set him at Defiance, but before Tuesday Morning he was found hang'd and dead, against his Bed-Post, at his House near the Bull-head Tavern in Vere-street, near Clare-market.

*From the Whitehall Evening Post, June 13.*

*Paris, June 19.* The 19th Inst Cardinal de Fleury went to Soissons: M. Taube, Intendant of Soissons, treated there that Day the Plenipotentiaries, and other Persons of Distinction. The 14th his Eminence treated them likewise, and that Day the Congress was opened; however, 'tis not believed they will enter upon Business for several Days.

*London, June 13.* The fine Opera of Admetus, that was to have been performed on Tuesday-night at the King's Theatre in the Haymarket, was put off (as we hear) on account of Signora Faustina being taken ill.

S. S. Stock, 106, 3 8ths, &c.

*From the London Evening-Post, June 13.*

*Venice, May 29.* Signor Jerome Vignola is set out for London in Quality of Resident of this Republick. The contagious Distemper has communicated it self to almost all the Villages of the Isle of Zante, where it carries off a World of People: Most of the Jews who were settled in the Capital of that Island are dead of it. This Distemper rages with such Violence in Napoli di Romania, Gussogna, and other neighbouring Places, that 'tis

impossible to take the necessary Precautions to hinder its spreading its self further.

*Compeigne, June 17.* On the 12th of this Month Count Coningsfeld, Minister of the Elector of Bavaria, who since that Day is gone to Soissons, had the Honour to wait on the King, accompanied by Count d'Albert.

On the 14th in the Afternoon the King received Advice by a Courier dispatched from Cardinal de Fleury, that the Plenipotentiary Ambassadors at the Congress of Soissons, assembled there in the Morning to open their Conferences.

*Paris, June 19.* The opening of the Congress of Soissons having been appointed to be some Day this Month, the Plenipotentiaries Ambassadors who were nominated to assist at it, repaired thither some Days ago. Cardinal de Fleury Minister of State, and the King's first Plenipotentiary Ambassador, arrived there the 13th of this Month in the Morning; and after having given Notice of his Arrival, he received the Visits of all the Plenipotentiary Ambassadors, which Visits he returned the same Day. On the 14th, about 11 a'clock in the Morning, the Plenipotentiary Ambassadors at the Congress went in Ceremony with their Retinues to the Castle, which by the King's Order had been got ready for the Assemblies, and they opened their Conferences. After this Meeting, all the Plenipotentiary Ambassadors went back to Cardinal de Fleury's who gave them a Dinner. On the 15th Count Zinzendorf, Chancellor of the Emperor's Court, and first Plenipotentiary Ambassador at the Congress, gave a great Repast to all the Ambassadors, who were treated the Day following with the like Magnificence by the Duke of Bourbonville first Plenipotentiary Ambassador of the King of Spain.

*Wye's Letter, verbatim, London, June 15.*

*Since our last arrived a Mail from Holland,*

THE Advices from Stockholm of the 8th Instant relate, That the General Officers were taken up with reviewing the Troops throughout the Kingdom; That the Fleet which was sitting out with all possible Diligence at Carelsbroon, would put to Sea as soon as they had Advice that that of the Czar's was come out of their Ports. Mean Time



Time those from Petersburg intimate, that the Admiralty has received Orders to slacken the Equipment of their Squadron at Cronstot and Revel, and that their young Monarch will not undertake any Thing this Year in the North, having as they say, been prevailed thereto by the Exhortations of the Court of Vienna; from whence 'tis wrote, that an Express was arrived there from Baron Bentenrider, one of the Emperor's Plenipotentiaries at the Congress, with Advice that France pretends to have the first Rank and Precedency for its first Minister the Cardinal de Fleury, and that this had occasioned a private Conference with Prince Eugene of Savoy. But the declining those Difficulties which might arise concerning Precedency, was the End proposed in the Tenth Article of the Preliminaries, to keep to the same Regulation as was observed in the Congress at Cambray. Some Accounts say, That Count Zinzendorf made the first Speech, and the Cardinal de Fleury the 2d for the opening of the Congress, and that they both chiefly consisted in exhorting them all to promote Peace and Union. That on the 16th, a second Conference was held, wherein the Copies of all Powers, were compared with the Originals, and delivered in due Form and Order, and next Day a 3d Conference was held for settling the Days of the future Conferences.

But now that the Congress is opened, and the Plenipotentiaries ready to enter upon Negotiations of Peace, a Report is spread of an Account being come from Mr. Keen, Agent for the South-Sea Company at Madrid, That the King of Spain had wrote a Letter to the Council of Castille, signifying his Intention of retiring from Business, substituting a Regency, and placing the Queen at the Head of it. This News is said to be come by the French Mail which arrived last Wednesday; but we must suspend our Belief of this till we have a Confirmation. Mean while S. S. Stock is fallen to 105 per Cent.

'Tis wrote from Brussels of the 1st Instant, that 2 Ships lately bought by the Ostend Company, are sitting out, but for what Voyage was not known.

The 3 Regiments of Foot Guards are to be Reviewed on Saturday next in Hyde Park by his Majesty.

The Discourse of setting up an Equestrian Sta-

tue of the late R. William in Cheapside Conduit, is revived, by Order of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, &c. The Workmen are now busy in pulling down the old Stone Gate on London Bridge, which is between 5 or 600 Years old, being built at the same time with the Bridge, which was begun in the Reign of King John, and finished in 30 Years, in the Reign of King Henry III. The Design of pulling down the said Gate, is to prevent Stoppage by Coaches, Waggon, &c.

Seven Ships from Dantzick, belonging to Dantzick, Hull &c. laden with Wheat and Rye from those Places, have passed the Sound.

The Cause between Mr. Julius Engineer, who undertook to make a Harbour at Harborough in the late Reign, and the Dutcheff of Kendal relating to the Affair of the Harborough Lottery, is to be decided next Term in the High Court of Chancery.

'Tis reported that the Earls of Scarborough, Burlington, Pembroke and Chesterfield will be created Dukes.

*From the London Evening-Post. June 11.*

*Soissons, June 17.* It was Monday Morning about 11 a clock, when the Ambassadors-Plenipotentiary of the Five contracting Powers; viz. the Emperor, France, England, Spain and Holland, began to move towards the Castle; the great Hall whereof was magnificently adorned and set out, for the Reception of the Ministers and Dispatch of Business. It was observed, That the 2 Imperial Plenipotentiaries, Count Zinzendorf and Baron Bentenrider, came thither the last, and were received at the Stair-foot by the Intendant, and at the Stair Head by the 2 French Plenipotentiaries, who conducted them into the Hall: They seated themselves in Elbow Chairs, like the others, toward the Chimney, at a round Table. Count Zinzendorf made the first Speech, and Cardinal de Fleury the second, for the opening the Congress: Both principally consisted in exhorting them all to promote Peace and Union; Topics exceedingly delightful to every one there. Next the respective Full Powers were produced and read, and Copies ordered to each Minister. After the Meeting, all the Plenipotentiaries were magnificently entertained at Dinner by Cardinal de Fleury. The 15th C. Zinzendorf



dorf made a sumptuous Feast for all the Ambassadors. Yesterday the 16th the 2d Conference was held, wherein the Copies of the Full Powers were compared with the Originals, and delivered in due Form and Order. This done, their Excellencies were entertain'd by the Duke de Bournonville, First Plenipotentiary of Spain; as they were this Day by the First Plenipotentiary of the K. of G. Britain, after a 3d Conference had been held, only to settle the Days of the future Conferences: For the Negotiations of Peace are not to commence (by what we learn) till next Week; and therefore the Cardinal de Fleury designs to make a Tour to Compeigne this Afternoon, to confer with his Majesty.

*From the St. James's Evening Post, June 15.*

London, June 13. Letters from Madrid give an Account of the King of Spain's having wrote a Letter to the Council of Castille, the Substance whereof was there said to be concerning his Abdicating a 2d time the Crown; which, together with some other Stories well improved, contributed very much to the Alteration in the Stocks Yesterday.

## ADVERTISEMENT S.

¶ There is a good Milch Ass to be sold, colted this Day fennight of a She-Colt. Enquire at George Purdie at the Exchange Coffeehouse, or at the Keeper of the Park at Neethers Cranston, about 7 Miles from Edinburgh.

¶ The Court of DIRECTORS of the BANK OF SCOTLAND, having by former Advertisements call'd in the Company's Twenty-Shillings Notes from No. 1, to No. 6001, against the 27th Instant, in order to be paid; They now hereby give notice to all Persons possess'd of the Company's Notes of Twenty-Shillings, from No. 6001, to No. 12001, That they may apply to the Office on or after the said 27th of June Inst, where they will also receive Payment both of Principal and Interest due thereon, being 3 Months; after which they are not to bear Interest. This by Order of the Court of Directors.

DAVID SPENCE Secretary.

¶ The Ship *Mary of Alloa*, George Laurie Master, with Floar-boat. Anchors, Sails and other Furniture, now lying in the Port of Peterhead, upwards of 33 Tons Burden; Are to be Roused and Sold before the Judge of the High Court of Admiralty, to the highest Bidder, (their Offer not being under Forty Pound sterl.) at Edinburgh, in the Place where the Admiral Court ordinarily sits, on the Second Day of July next, betwixt the Hours of 3 & 4 after Noon. The Conditions of Roup, &c. to be seen in the Hands of the Clerk of Admiralty, at his Office in Edinburgh.

¶ The Managers of the Fishing Copartnery have ordered a final Dividend of 5 sh, 11 d, per Pound, of the Sum paid in, to be distributed to the Adventurers, at their Office in the Lawn-Market, beginning on Monday the 24th Instant, and thereafter on each Monday, Tuesday and

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Thursday, from ten to twelve in the Forenoon, or at such further Hours, as shall be advertised till the 27th of December next, when what of the Dividend that remains, is, conform to an Order of the General Meeting, to be lodged with the Merchant Maiden Hospital, from which it may be called for.

\* The Sale of the Lands after mentioned is put off to the Twenty-eighth Day of June current, at 3 a clock after Noon, in the Parliament-house, viz, The Lands of *Craighall and Over-bill-house*, of yearly Rent, L. 767. 13, 24 Scots, 22 Bolls 3 Firlots 3 Ficks Meal, 5 Stone 3 Pound Butter, 3 Stone 8 Pound Lint; holden Feu of the York-Building Company for Payment of 10 Pounds Scots Feu duty: Also the Lands of *Easter Craigs*, and others, of yearly Rent, 16 Bolls Meal, L. 640 of Money, 3 Stone 4 Pound of Butter; holden of the Crown, partly Blanche and partly Taxward; As likewise the Lands of *Redburn*, paying of yearly Rent, L. 120 of Money, and 3 Quarters of Butter, holden of Bar, bachelie for Payment of L. 2 of Feu-duty, and L. 2 of dry Multure. Which Lands, &c. ly within the Parish of *Torphichen* and Sheriffdom of *Linlithgow*, within 15 Miles of *Edinburgh*; and which Rentals are by and attour Hens, Poultry, Coals leading, a convenient little Mansion-house at *Craighall*, and the Privilege of holding Fairs at the *Craigs*. Any who has amind to purchase, may enquire at *George Livingston*, one of the Depute clerks of Session, or *Alexander Mitchell*, Writer to the Signet, at his House at the Bank-clois Head, Lawn-market.

Nota. The Lands holden of the Crown were formerly exposed at 24 Years Purchase, and the Lands holden of Subjects, at 23; But now both will be exposed at 22 Years Purchase.

Stamp-Office, London, June 6. 1728.

The COMMISSIONERS for managing His Majesty's Stamp-Revenues do hereby give Notice, That by a Clause in an Act of last Session of Parliament, intituled, *An Act for repealing the present Duties on Wine, Lees and Lignum Vitæ*, &c. it is (inter alia) Enacted to the Effect following: That for the Relief of all Masters and Mistresses who have omitted to pay His Majesty's Duties of Six Pence in the Pound for every Sum of Fifty Pounds or under, and of Twelve Pence in the Pound for every Sum amounting to more than Fifty Pounds, given, paid, contracted, or agreed for, or any Part thereof, with Clerks, Apprentices or Servants within the respective Times limited by several Acts of Parliament in that Case made, or who have omitted to Insert & Write in Words at length in the Indentures or other Writings containing the Covenants and Agreements relating to such Clerk, Apprentice or Servant, the full Sum or Sums of Money, or any Part thereof, received, or in any wise directly or indirectly given, payed, agreed, or contracted for, with or in relation to such Clerk, Apprentice or Servant, all such Masters and Mistresses are Acquitted and Discharged of and from all Penalties incurred by reason of such Omissions, upon Payment of the said Rates and Duties on or before the 24th Day of June 1728, and tendering the said Indentures or other Writings to be Stamped at the same Time, or at any Time on or before the 29th Day of September 1728.

Stamp-Office, Edinburgh, June 13th 1728. By Order of VEN. FRIS COLUMBINE, Head Distributor and Collector of His Majesty's Stamp-Duties in North Britain.